

1 13. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, further
3 comprising biasing means for elastically biasing said
4 gear pressing lever and said operator lever in such
5 directions as to get close to each other.

REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 6, 9 and 13 have been amended to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge.

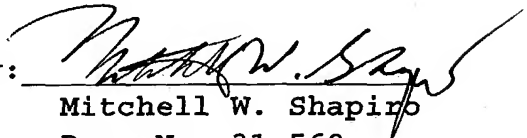
A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF THE CLAIMS:

1 3. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1 [or 2],
3 wherein a buffer member is interposed between slide-
4 abutting surfaces, abutting on and sliding on each other,
5 of said gear pressing lever and of said operator lever.

1 4. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1 [or 2],
3 wherein the handle portion of said operator lever is
4 disposed farther away from the center of the sway of said
5 operator lever than the slide-abutting surface.

1 6. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1 [or 2],
3 wherein said operator lever is molded of a non-ferrous
4 metal or a synthetic resin.

1 9. (Amended) A tilt adjusting type steering
2 apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1 [or 2],
3 wherein a proximal side end portion of said gear pressing
4 lever is supported in a swayable manner on a lower side
5 of said rear column member,

6 a proximal side end portion of said operator lever
7 is supported in the swayable manner on a side surface of

8 said rear column member, a middle portion thereof abuts
9 on said gear pressing lever, and a front side end portion
10 thereof is bent as a handle portion and thereafter
11 extended up to a lower part of said rear column member,
12 and

13 said operator lever, when swayed in back-and-forth
14 directions of the vehicle, interlocks with and sways said
15 gear pressing lever in the back-and-forth directions of
16 the vehicle.

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3 further comprising biasing means for elastically biasing
4 said gear pressing lever and said operator lever in such
5 directions as to get close to each other.